

Following is a list of instructions to assist you in filing your property valuation protest.

Prior to filing this protest, we ask that you discuss the valuation with a representative of the County Assessor's Office located on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse.

The valuation of your property is based on its value as of the first of this year. Changes to its value after January 1st of this year cannot be considered until next year, unless the property is destroyed or damaged on or after January 1 and before July 1 of this year and then the value may be adjusted in accordance with Form 425, Report of Destroyed Real Property.) This could very possibly eliminate the need for a protest. If after consultation with the Assessor's Office, you still wish to file a protest, carefully read the following instructions.

1. Protests must be limited to valuation only. This is not and cannot be a protest of taxes.
2. Reasons for change in value and the amount of the requested change must be explained on the form. (Attachments will be accepted if additional space is needed.)
3. This form must be filed with the Dodge County Clerk, 435 N. Park Avenue, Courthouse Room 102, Fremont, NE 68025. You may file your protest in person or by mail. Protests received or postmarked after Thursday, June 30, 2022 will be considered invalid.

Once filed, the Referee will hold a preliminary hearing to review the protest and all information submitted. They will then make a recommendation to the County Board of Equalization. The Board of Equalization will act on these recommendations on or before Monday, July 25, 2022. No decision will be rendered at the hearing and you are not required to appear. However, should you have additional, relevant information you wish to convey to the referee other than what is submitted on the form, please indicate below. (Testimony not to exceed ten minutes.)

Yes, I have additional relative information that I wish to present to the referee. (If yes is checked, you will be notified as to the time and place of the hearing.)

No, I do not wish to appear.

Check the box to the left if you have discussed the valuation of this property with the Assessor's Office prior to filing this protest.

Signature of protester

Please leave this entire form attached. A copy of your protest will be sent to you after the board has made their determination. If a copy is needed before the board's determination, you can obtain a copy at the time of filing.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER

When completing your protest, please submit as an attachment to your protest or bring to your hearing either a recent appraisal done by a certified appraiser of the property **(between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2022)**, recent sales data you have gathered about similar sales of property in the area **(between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2022)**, or if your protest is based on an equalization issue, then equalization data that you have gathered on properties similar to the property being protested.